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U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was introduced prohibiting members of Congress from acting as counsel in cases where the United States is concerned. The joint resolution appropriating twenty millions for bounties to volunteers was taken up and amended so that no bounty except such as now allowed by law, be paid after the 5th of January next, and also that the money paid by drafted men shall go into the treasury, and be drawn out as is other public money, and applied only to the expenses of the draft and payment of substitutes. The resolution as amended was adopted. The bill amendatory of the enrollment act was under consideration for a short time.—An amendment exempting ministers of the Gospel was rejected by a vote of nine in favor to thirty-three against. The House joint resolution to adjourn over from to-day to Tuesday, January 5th, was adopted. In the House of Representatives a bill was reported making appropriations for the Postoffice Department for the year ending June 30, 1863. A bill was introduced to establish a bureau of emancipation. The bill to pay the officers and men employed for home defence in the Western or Missouri department was taken up and passed. The bill for the support of West Point Academy was passed. Mr. Johnson, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution instructing the President to acquiesce in the decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, declaring the Conscription law unconstitutional, which was laid on the table. The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the Twenty Million Bounty bill.

It is announced in the Northern papers that since Gen. Morgan's escape, the other Confederate prisoners at Columbus, Ohio, have been placed in solitary confinement, not being allowed any exercise or air. Gen. Morgan's brother, Richard, has been placed in a dungeon for writing a letter to his betrothed in Kentucky, which was opened by the prison authorities, and in which he said that if he ever got out he would never take another prisoner, or if he did he would know exactly how to treat them. So goes the story.

Bids for flour were opened at the U. S. commissary headquarters of Captain Bell, in Washington, on Monday. The prices ruled a trifle higher than at the last letting, the bids ranging from 7-95 to \$8.44 for No. 2 flour. All the No. 2 flour offered at \$8.20 and under was taken, amounting to 16,400 barrels. The whole amount of flour offered was 39,000 barrels.

Persons who want JOB PRINTING, can have their orders executed with neatness and dispatch, at this office, and at the cheapest rates.

The telegraphic dispatch from Halifax says there have been no arrests there.

CITY COUNCIL.—Last night was the regular night in course for the meeting of the City Council, but owing to the absence of a quorum in the Board of Aldermen, that branch had no session.

In the Common Council a communication was received from the Mayor, in relation to awnings, sign-posts, trees, &c., on King street, and recommending the removal of the same, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Applications from A. J. Fleming, for permission to erect a wooden kitchen in the rear of a brick building, on Queen, between Columbus and Alfred streets, and from E. S. Boynton, for permission to erect a wooden building on Wolfe, between Pitt and St. Asaph streets, were read and referred to the Mayor.

The communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department in relation to repairing the fire apparatus, which was acted upon in the Board of Aldermen, referring it to a Select Committee, at their last meeting, was taken up and said action concurred in, and Messrs. Arnold and Hulst appointed on the part of the Common Council.

Mr. Massey offered the following preamble and resolution which were read and adopted:

Whereas, it has been reported that the Merchants of Alexandria, who sell supplies to the Army of the Potomac are not allowed to ship their goods, at the Railroad depot at Alexandria for the Army, and have to send said goods to Washington for shipment, whereby they are placed at a great disadvantage; and whereas injurious discriminations, against the trade of Alexandria are constantly made in various ways, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of the President, Clerk and, Mr. Arnold be appointed to wait upon the Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, and request that the merchants of Alexandria be placed on the same footing, in regard to trade, with the merchants of Washington city and other places.

Adjourned.

The Philadelphia Inquirer is talking very plainly about feeing lawyers who are U. S. Senators, in such cases as Senator Hale lately took fees for, and in which he was supported by Mr. Reverdy Johnson; and the N. Y. World is making some grave charges concerning the case of a Capt. Hurrt, in Ohio, who has not yet been court martialed; and in the same connexion is complaining of the sending off to Vancouver, of Maj. McLean, son of the late Judge McLean, who had been investigating the case of the said Capt. Hurrt.

The late Paris papers announce that Lieut. Fleury, a son of the celebrated Gen. Fleury, and himself an officer of the French army, has been convicted of murder, before a military court-martial, for killing a married woman with whom he had become intimate.

The New York Times says: "Senator Wilson speaks of his intention to offer an amendment authorizing enlistments in the rebel States, to be credited to the quotas of the loyal States, the officers from which procure the new recruits, whether white or black."

DEATH OF GEN. CORCORAN.

FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, Dec. 22.—General Michael Corcoran died at half-past 8 o'clock this evening from injuries received from a fall from his horse. THEODORE M. REED, Lieut. Col. Commanding 69th reg't. Corcoran's Irish Legion.

The arrangements by which all matters connected with the exchange of prisoners, on the Federal side, have been turned over to General Butler, will be permanent. General Meredith, who has hitherto been conducting the exchange, has been ordered to report to him.—The flag-of-truce boat was to leave Point Lookout on Monday for City Point with 1,000 Confederate prisoners on board in charge of Gen. Butler, in exchange for whom he will offer to receive 1,000 Federal prisoners.

The bill for an increase of the pay and bounty of volunteers was discussed at length in the U. S. Senate on Monday. This bill appropriates twenty million dollars for its objects.—The commutation money, about twelve millions, is exhausted, and some of the men enlisted under the proclamation of the 17th inst. are unpaid. The bill looks to the promotion of volunteering until the 5th of January.

The Chattanooga Rebel, in an article on the late repulse in Northern Georgia, attributes its cause, mainly, to what it considers the fact that General Bragg's army was reorganized suddenly, and without apparent cause, and that the reorganization was unpopular with both officers and men.

The U. S. steamer Tiger arrived at Washington, passed inside Point Lookout a large schooner sunk in fifteen fathoms water, with mastheads above water, lower sails and gaff topsails set, apparently having been run into within a day or two and sunk by the collision. The Tiger stopped near and saw no person upon the wreck. It laid in mid channel, and is dangerous to vessels running at night.

The Richmond Whig has an article, copied in the Northern papers, speaking in the very highest terms of Gen. Lee, and regards him as the "hope of the South," and is deserving of all the honors and praises he receives.

The weather continues extremely cold, and people have been looking for snow for a day or two. Hunting Creek is frozen across from shore to shore, and considerable ice is forming in the river.

On the 31st instant Commander F. A. Parker, the present executive officer of the Navy Yard in Washington, will assume the command of the Potomac Flotilla, which will hereafter, extend his limits as far down the Bay as York River.

The Confederates under Gen. Rosser who made the raid on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, passed through Front Royal when they left.